

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-24 were pending and subject to restriction requirements. In this response, no claim has been canceled or amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 are subject to restriction requirements of Species (a) to (e) based on Fig. 1, Fig. 2, Fig. 3, Figs. 1 and 4, and Figs. 2 and 4 respectively. Given the art of technologies, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirements should be based on the claims, rather than the figures.

Nevertheless, Applicant hereby elects Species (d) (Figs. 1 and 4) for further prosecution and reserves the right to pursue the non-elected species in the subsequent prosecution of the present application. It is respectfully submitted that at least independent claims 1, 9, 18, and their dependent claims read on the elected Species (d).

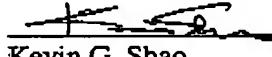
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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